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**INTERMEDIATE RELEASE NICOTINIC ACID COMPOSITIONS FOR  
TREATING HYPERLIPIDEMIA HAVING UNIQUE C<sub>max</sub>, T<sub>max</sub> and AUC  
BIOPHARMACEUTIC CHARACTERISTICS**

5 **Abstract**

Intermediate release nicotinic acid formulations having unique biopharmaceutical characteristics, such as C<sub>max</sub>, T<sub>max</sub> and AUC, which are suitable for oral administration once per day during the evening or at night for treating hyperlipidemia without causing drug-induced hepatotoxicity to such a level that requires the therapy to be discontinued, are disclosed. The intermediate nicotinic acid formulations can be administered as tablets in dosage strengths of, for example, 375mg, 500mg, 750mg and 1000mg.

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